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**Christmas Eve
24 December 2021
8:00 p.m.**



**Christ Church Episcopal
Las Vegas, Nevada**

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

*Canzona per Sonare No. 2
In the Bleak Midwinter*

Giovanni Gavrieli
John Innes

Hymn 83

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Standing

Priest Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Response **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Gloria S-280

Collect of the Day

Priest The LORD be with you.
Response **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 62:6-12

Sitting

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader The word of the LORD.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

1. The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2. Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
3. A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
4. His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
5. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

The flowers and greenery for the feast of Christ's Nativity are given to the Glory of God by the following individuals and families

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the creation God made just for us
Loved ones
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We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread

Priest Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn 98,v.1

Standing

Communion Anthem

Night of Wonder

Lynnete Shaw Loughton

Post-Communion Prayer

Standing

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 111

“Silent Night”

The Blessing

Hymn 100

“Joy to the world”

Standing

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the LORD. Alleluia, alleluia!.

Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude

Postlude on “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Phil Lehenbauer

After the dismissal the congregation is welcome to either stay and listen quietly to the postlude or to quietly exit the church.

Merry Christmas

7. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
8. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
9. For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
10. The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
11. Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
12. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The word of the LORD.

Response Thanks be to God.

Hymn 93

“Angel from the Realms of Glory”

Standing

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Response Glory to you, LORD Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the LORD.

Response Praise to you, LORD Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Liz Zivanov

*Moment of Silent Reflection***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
 Who has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of The People*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People ***That we all may be one.***
Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***
Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***
Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***
Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***
Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***
Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***
Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***
Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence**The People may add their own petitions.**The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.***The Peace****Announcements****Offertory***Away in the Manger
 What Child is this?***Hymn 101
 Hymn 115****Doxology 380,vs3**

“Praise God from who all blessings flow”

Standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Holy Eucharist

The holy table belongs to our LORD Jesus Christ and all those who desire to follow him as LORD and Savior are welcome to receive the bread. If you would like a blessing instead of receiving bread, please cross your arms across your chest and the priest will bless you in God's name. If you cannot come to the altar, please signal an usher and we will bring communion to you.

The Great Thanksgiving*Standing*

Priest The LORD be with you.
Response **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
Response **We lift them to the LORD.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
Response **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother, so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name :

Sanctus S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, the congregation stands or kneels.

Priest We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.